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SUBJECT: AFRICAN REFUGEES -- PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS MISSION

1. THE DEPARTMENT IS PREPARING TO SEND A WORKING LEVEL TEAM TO ADDRESSEE POSTS TO DETERMINE REFUGEE ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS IN AFRICA AND DEVELOP A U.S. PROGRAM TO HELP BETTER MEET THOSE REQUIREMENTS OVER THE FY1979-81 PERIOD. THE RESULTS OF THIS MISSION WILL SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR FUTURE ACTION WITH OMB AND THE CONGRESS REGARDING PROGRAM AND BUDGET REQUIREMENTS.

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2. A POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR THE UPCOMING MISSION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT WHICH PROPOSES: (A) THAT THE U.S. URGE GREATER INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE PROBLEM OF AFRICAN REFUGEES THROUGH THE UNHCR WHICH WOULD SERVE AS AN UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION FOR THE PURPOSE; AND, (B) THAT THE U.S. ALSO ESTABLISH A FACILITY TO UNDERTAKE BILATERAL ACTION,

PRIMARILY THROUGH PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS, WHERE IT IS DESIRABLE TO DO SO AND WHERE SUCH EFFORTS WOULD NOT BE DUPLICATIVE OF UNHCR PROGRAMS. COPIES OF APPROVED CONCEPT PAPER OUTLINING RATIONALE AND POLICY FRAMEWORK BEING POUCHED.

3. THE SIX-PERSON TEAM WILL BE CHAIRED BY LAWRENCE A. MARINELLI, HA/ORM AND ITS MEMBERSHIP WILL INCLUDE AF, AID, AND TWO PRIVATE CONSULTANTS. NAMES WILL BE SUPPLIED SEPTTEL. SINCE TASK OF THE TEAM WILL REQUIRE TIGHT ITINERARY, IT IS REQUESTED THAT ENTERTAINMENT AND COURTESY CALLS BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM UNLESS IN EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT OF BENEFIT TO MISSION. ALSO WISH TO KEEP VISIT LOW PROFILE IN TERMS OF PUBLICITY, ETC.. WE DO NOT WISH AT THIS POINT TO IMPLY PROMISES OF ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE. THE MISSION IS PRIMARILY AN INTERNAL USG PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, AND BUDGETING EFFORT.

4. PROPOSED ITINERARY IS LISTED BELOW. MINOR ADJUSTMENTS MAY BE NECESSARY AS A RESULT OF FLIGHT AVAILABILITY OR OTHER REASONS BUT WE EXPECT NO BASIC REVISIONS.

17 JUNE DEPART GENEVA SWISS AIR NO. 272 1350 HRS.
(SATURDAY)

; ARRIVE KHARTOUM 2140 "

22 JUNE DEPART KHARTOUM BOAC NO. 61 0600 "
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(THURSDAY)

ARRIVE NAIROBI 1125 "

25 JUNE DEPART NAIROBI KENYA AIR NO. 756 1330 "
(SUNDAY)

' ARRIVE MOGADISCIO 1500 "

29 JUNE DEPART MOGADISCIO SOMALI AIR NO. 310 0830 "
(THURSDAY)

' ARRIVE NAIROBI (TRANSIT) 1000 "

30 JUNE DEPART NAIROBI QZ NO. 711 1540 "
(FRIDAY)

' ARRIVE LUSAKA 1715 "

6 JULY DEPART LUSAKA QZ NO. 640 0900 "
(THURSDAY)

' ARRIVE LILONGWE (TRANSIT) 1015 "

' DEPART LILONGWE AIR MALAWI NO. 141 1100 "

ARRIVE JOHANNESBURG (TRANSIT) 1305 "

7 JULY DEPART JOHANNESBURG TAP NO. 254 2200 "
(FRIDAY)

8 JULY ARRIVE KINSHASA 0040 "
(SATURDAY)

13 JULY DEPART KINSHASA PAA NO. 191 1825 "
(THURSDAY)

5. EXCEPT FOR GENEVA, THE SCHEDULE FOR WHICH IS BEING ARRANGED SEPARATELY WITH UNHCR, THE TEAM SHOULD MEET FIRST WITH APPROPRIATE EMBASSY/AID PERSONNEL FOR BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSIONS. THIS SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY MEETINGS WITH AP-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICE(S) INVOLVED WITH REFUGEE MATTERS AND THEN UNHCR AND KEY VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION PERSONNEL CARRYING OUT REFUGEE PROGRAMS. AT EACH STOP, THE TEAM SHOULD VISIT KEY REFUGEE CONCENTRATION(S) TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE HOST GOVERNMENTS AND SCHEDULE MEETINGS AND TRAVEL AS APPROPRIATE. PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH AN ESTIMATE OF CHARTER AIRCRAFT OR OTHER TRANSPORT COSTS AND AN ALLOTMENT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

6. FOR MOGADISCIO: RECOGNIZE POSSIBLE DIFFICULTY OF OBTAINING ENTRANCE TO REFUGEE AREAS, BUT REQUEST THAT MATTER BE RAISED AGAIN WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN CONTEXT OF UPCOMING REQUIREMENTS MISSION. SHOULD VISIT TO REFUGEE AREAS NOT BE POSSIBLE, DURATION OF SOMALIA VISIT WILL BE SHORTENED.

7. FOR KHARTOUM: SHOULD VISIT TO REFUGEE AREAS NOT BE POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY TO ERITREAN REFUGEE AREAS IN KASSALA PROVINCE, DURATION OF VISIT WILL BE SHORTENED.

8. REQUEST ADDRESSEE COMMENTS AND PROPOSED IN-COUNTRY SCHEDULES FOR TEAM. VANCE

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